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**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-6 are pending. Claims 1-6 have been amended to more particularly point out the Applicant's invention. It is respectfully submitted that upon entry of the instant amendment, the application is in condition for allowance.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-2 and 5-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Sieben et al US Patent No. 6,754,468 ("the Sieben et al patent"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every one of the claim elements must be found in a single reference. It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite elements not disclosed or suggested by the Sieben et al patent. For example, claims 1, 2 and 5 recite, in combination, a communication system which *automatically* synchronizes a content host and a digital content player when the two are in range of one another. The support for this amendment is provided, for example, in paragraph [0042]. Claim 6 recites a communication system which *automatically* synchronizes two digital content players in range of one another. The support for this amendment is provided, for example, in paragraph [0051]. The Sieben patent does not disclose or suggest automatic transfer of any digital content between a content host and a digital content player, as recited in claims 1, 2 and 5 or between digital content players, as recited in claim 6. Rather, the device taught by the Sieben et al patent is *manually* operated and thus teaches away from the invention. See, for example, the Sieben et al patent, Col. 1 lines 55-67 : "To implement these desirable characteristics, the following technical

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measures are provided.

small, portable devices which are preferably incorporated in a radiotelephone;  
sufficient storage capacities; a uniform data interface for the reception, exchange, and  
transfer of data with various contents, such as texts, images, data files, computer  
programs, audio or video sequences, etc.; the data interface is implemented by a  
simple, wireless interface with a very short range; *and simple manual control of the  
device.*" Also see Col. 3, lines 32-37.: "*Manual* control of the communications device  
1 is effected via few control knobs or keys, which are shown schematically as a  
keypad 8. The *manual key functions control the ready-to-transmit state, the ready-  
to-receive state, and/or auxiliary functions, such as address, index, or encryption  
inputs.*" Thus, there can be no anticipation. The Examiner is respectfully requested to  
reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

#### CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 3-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the  
Sieben et al patent. As mentioned above, the Sieben et al patent actually teaches away from the  
invention recited in the claims at issue. For these reasons and the reasons above, the Examiner is  
respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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